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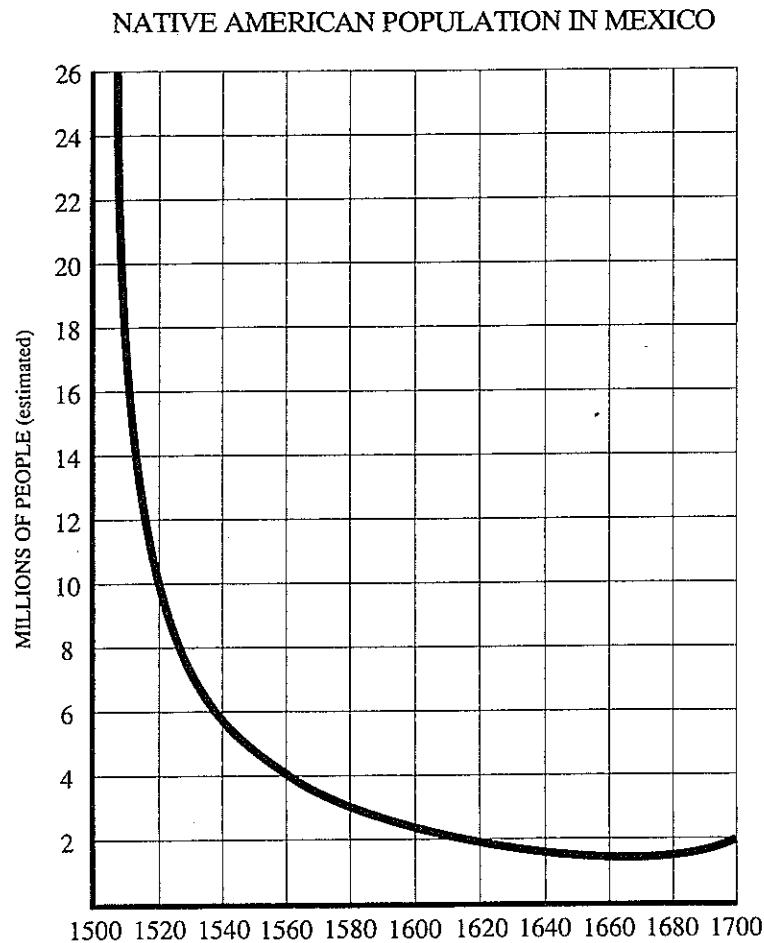
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Basic Skills Worksheet 15

Topic: The Decline of Mexico's
Native American Population

Skill: Reading a Line Graph

Examine the following line graph and then answer the questions below, referring to text page 368 as needed.



Source: Fernand Braudel, *The Structures of Everyday Life*, p. 36.

1. What do the numbers of the vertical axis show? _____
2. What do the numbers on the horizontal axis show? _____
3. About how many Native Americans lived in Mexico in 1500? _____ In 1540? _____
In 1660? _____ In 1700? _____
4. What trend does this line graph illustrate? _____
5. What caused the Native American population of Mexico to decline so rapidly?

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Independent Practice Worksheet 15.5

Other countries started colonies in America.
(pages 365-369)

I. In the space provided, write the name of the person who might have made each of the following statements.

- _____ 1. "I discovered what today is New York Harbor."
- _____ 2. "My voyage up the St. Lawrence River became the basis for France's claim to New France."
- _____ 3. "I founded the colony at Quebec."
- _____ 4. "I claimed Louisiana for France."
- _____ 5. "I discovered Newfoundland and claimed it for England."
- _____ 6. "I organized an expedition that tried to plant a colony on Roanoke Island."
- _____ 7. "I was the first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony."
- _____ 8. "I discovered the Hudson River."

II. Complete the following statements.

9. In the summer of 1673, a fur trader named _____ and a priest named _____ set out to discover if the Mississippi River offered the long-sought northwest passage.
10. The Puritans are called _____ because their views differed from those of the established church.
11. Before the Spanish came, the deadly germs of _____, and _____, and _____ were unknown in the Americas.
12. The sudden, rapid spread of disease to a large number of people is called an _____.
13. The _____, a staple of the Inca diet, was transported in European ships to almost every part of the Eastern Hemisphere.
14. Modern historians estimate that for every _____ Africans sold in the Americas, at least _____ others died on the way there.
15. European explorers hoped to find a _____ through North America to Asia.

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Independent Practice Worksheet 15.4

Explorers discovered new lands.
(pages 358–364)

I. Complete the following lists.

1. List three factors that encouraged Europeans to search for new routes to Asia.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

2. List the three inventions that allowed open sea travel for the Europeans.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

II. Complete the following chart.

Explorer	Country sailed from	Dates of exploration	Area explored	Significance of exploration
3. Bartholomeu Dias				
4. Vasco da Gama				
5. Christopher Columbus				
6. Vasco Nuñez de Balboa				
7. Pedro Alvares Cabral				
8. Ferdinand Magellan				